

A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 5th May 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has flown by and despite this being a short week, there is still plenty to report on behalf of the children and staff. On Tuesday, the school hosted the Pauline Quirk Academy and children participated in acting workshops provided by the company. It was a fun filled morning and gave our pupils an opportunity to participate in a series of improvisation activities. We were told by the trainer that our pupils were remarkable in all aspects: behaviour, participation, and enthusiasm. The trainer went out of his way to relay this message to us. He stated that he works with many schools, and rarely encounters such a fantastic group of young participants. Comments such as this make me so proud of being the Headteacher of this school. Well done to all the children.

On Thursday Mrs McCarthy accompanied Tilly from 4TB to Aylesbury to take part in the Grand Final of the Coronation Crown Competition. Tilly had secured a place in the final by winning the Amersham group of schools. This was a huge achievement for Tilly as well as for our school. However, I have even bigger news to announce – Tilly came third in the overall competition!! Please see pictures and a word from Mrs McCarthy further on in this Newsletter...

Our school will celebrate The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort by planting a Coronation Tree on Friday the 5th of May 2023 in conjunction with the Amersham School Council. Our pupils will also plant a wildflower flowerbed at the front of the school. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Catanach for their support and organisation. Pictures from both events will be included in next week's newsletter.

Our pupils received a gift from the Trust -a bookmark commemorating this historical event. Our school also presented the children with special Coronation Badges.

King's Coronation Competition:

I enclose a poster from our Trust, encouraging children to take part in the King's Coronation competition.

All ODBST schools are invited to take part in two competitions: a creative drawing and / or a creative writing one to celebrate the King's Coronation. All pupils can submit a piece of writing or a design for the King's Crown that reflects your school's cultural history.

If you would like your child to enter the completion, please either send your child's entry directly to the Trust for attention of Emily Gatis (egatis@odbst.org) or please forward it to our office (office@wsd.odbst.org) for my attention (Mrs Milner).

Can I also remind everyone about another fantastic art competition? The leaflet went out to all parents two weeks ago. This competition is organised by the Discover Bucks Museum. The museum is looking for all young artists to submit their creative artwork, which can then be exhibited for the general public to admire.

All art entries (named please) can be submitted to Mrs McCarthy or the school office by Friday 12th May 2023. I really would like to encourage all pupils to enter as the scope for creativity is fantastic. Children can use paints, printmaking, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, photography, or any mixed media.

More information can be found here: <https://www.discoverbucksmuseum.org/whats-on/children-open-art-exhibition-submissions/>

Finally, today we said goodbye to Mrs Clare Stanton, who worked at the school for the last eight years. I am sure that you would agree with me that Mrs Stanton has been such an asset to the school. Her professionalism, good humour and smile greeted children and parents as they arrived at our reception. Mrs Stanton genuinely cared for every single child who attends this school, and we will all miss her and her sunny personality. However, as Mrs Stanton's children are now older, she felt that it was the right time to return to industry and move away from education. We will miss you Clare and we are wishing you all the best for the future.

As always – with my warmest wishes

Dorota Milner, Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8.5.23	Additional BANK HOLIDAY- His Majesty's coronation
9.5.23	SATs Week for Year 6
9.5.23	Year 3 Tennis event at Dr Challoner's
16.5.23	PQA Workshop
26.5.23	Mufti Day- Bring in a bottle for tombola
5.6.23	Inset day
9.6.23	Year 5 Trip to Tate Modern
13.6.23	School Group/Class Photos
13.6.23	Year 4 Tri Golf Festival at Chiltern Hills Academy
15.6.23	Year 5 Athletics at DCHS
17.6.23	PTA Summer Fair—2pm-4pm
22.6.23	Careers Day
27.6.23	Year 6 Games at DCHS
29.6.23	Sports Day (reserve date 13.7.23)
w/c 3.7.23	Bike-ability (Yr6)
4.7.23	Transition Day
12.7.23	Year 5 to St Clement Danes School
12.7.23	Year 3 to West Wittering Beach
13.7.23	Year 6 production PM and Eve
14.7.23	Ice-Cream van (funded by PTA)
17.7.23	Mrs Milner's leaving assembly 9-10am on the field
18.7.23	Rock Steady Concert to School 10am
18.7.23	Woodside's Got Talent PM
20.7.23	Year 6 Leavers assembly (AM) Year 6 Water Fight (PM)
21.7.23	End of Year Assembly 9am
21.7.23	Break up 1.30pm
	Link to 2023/24 term dates on website

House Point Totals

This Week	229	235	258	301
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Coronation Weekend

The Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6th May, 2023. The Service will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. As previously announced the Service will reflect the Monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry. Across the Coronation Weekend, there will be further opportunities for people to come together in celebration of this historic occasion. On Sunday, 7th May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle by the BBC and BBC Studios, with several thousand pairs of tickets to be made available via public ballot.

The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on the same date. On Monday, 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in The Big Help Out, which will encourage people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.

Their Majesties The King and The Queen Consort hope the Coronation Weekend will provide an opportunity to spend time and celebrate with friends, families and communities across the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. Their Majesties are looking forward to marking the occasion with the public throughout 2023.

We wish King Charles III a long and successful reign.

Amersham Town Council



Coronation Parade

Monday 8 May, 2.45pm
at Picnic in the Park
King George V Playing Field

Children are invited to join our Coronation Parade in their most royal attire. Whether a prince or princess, king or queen, or even the royal staff or court jesters of the past, come along and show off your regal creativity. Participants shall be duly rewarded. By order of

the King. *Town Council*

The parade forms part of the King's Coronation Picnic in the Park event

Crown Competition WINNER Tilly 4TB

A word from Mrs McCarthy below to describe the Crown Competition **WINNER Tilly 4TB...**

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that **Tilly 4TB** was awarded **3rd** place in the prestigious **Finals of the Buckinghamshire Crown Competition** on Thursday 4th May '23. The Judging Panel included: The Countess Howe, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire, Lorraine Kelly CBE, Adam Teeuw Director of Production from Lucasfilm - amongst other notable judges. Tilly had to speak individually to all members of the judging panel explaining her crown design choices. She spoke clearly and confidently; not an easy task in front of all the important and famous celebrities!

Tilly has now won a huge goody bag containing special books and posters and a £75 voucher for Woodside School. **CONGRATULATIONS Tilly**. We are so proud of your special success and am sure you will always remember the wonderful crown you designed for King Charles III Coronation when you were aged 9 at Woodside.



ODBST King's Coronation Competition



ABOUT THE COMPETITION

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HOW TO TAKE PART

Entries to be sent via email to the following email address: egatis@odbst.org

JUDGING AND CRITERIA FOR CREATIVE DRAWING COMPETITION:

The ODBST will judge each artwork based on:

- Quality of drawing
- Creativity
- How the design brings your school's culture and heritage to life

JUDGING AND CRITERIA FOR CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION:

Articles will be judged by the ODBST.

They will consider the piece's:

- Originality
- Insight
- Style
- Overall Quality

You are invited to choose either competition, or can enter both if you would like to

FINAL ENTRY SUBMISSION DATE

Entries must be received by Friday 12th May, 5pm.

THE WINNER AND THE PRIZE

The winner will be selected by ODBST and announced on Friday 19th May 2023. They will receive a £50 gift voucher and a £100 gift voucher for their school.



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Find out more about us at www.odbst.org.uk



COMPETITION RULES

	Creative Drawing	Important Dates
Drawing Details	Pupils to design a Crown for the King, that reflects their school's communities and diverse cultures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use white A4 Paper • Only one piece of artwork per child • Original piece of artwork that is your own work only, not subject to copyright or infringes copyright 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition opens 21st April. • Competition closes 12th May. • Entries received after the closing date will be excluded
Age	Primary age pupils	
Labelling	Please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child's name • Year group & school name • Contact details of parent or carer 	
Sending Entries	Entries to be sent by email to the following email address egatis@odbst.org	
Winner	Winner notification - Letter to the winner and their school	
Prize	£50 personal voucher and £100 school voucher	

	Creative Writing	Important Dates
Article Length	Maximum of 600 words	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competition opens 21st April. • Competition closes 12th May. • Entries received after the closing date will be excluded
Age	Primary age pupils	
Labelling	Please include at the top of your piece: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child's name • Year group & school name • Contact details of parent or carer 	
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Safeguarding

Social work is a regulated profession in which social workers are uniquely educated and qualified to support individuals and families in meeting some of life's biggest challenges. Social workers play a pivotal and often leading role in safeguarding people's rights, building relationships to support and empower children, adults and families to make important choices about the direction of their lives. However, as with many professions, social care is experiencing recruitment and retention challenges.

Buckinghamshire County Council is holding a recruitment information event. Whilst this event is primarily aimed at secondary students, I thought that perhaps if someone is interested in a career change –it may be of an interest.

Details below:

Do people describe you as a good listener, a caring person, and patient and calm in stressful situations? Do you have an interest in society and culture and believe that vulnerable children and adults should be supported to live independently, free from harm?

It's never too early to start thinking about your future. Working in social care is a challenging and rewarding career where no two days are the same, and we need passionate people to join us! If you want to find out more about how to get into social care work in Buckinghamshire, join us at our Social Care Information & Recruitment Event on Friday 12th May.

At this unique event, you will:

Meet members of our fantastic Adults & Health and Children's social care teams, and hear about their experiences
Find out about how to get into social work through volunteering, apprenticeships, university courses and graduate training schemes

Learn about early careers opportunities within the profession, our cadet scheme and our Social Work Academy
Discover what a career in social work might look like for you

Facebook or Social Care Information & Recruitment Event | Buckinghamshire Council

If you have any questions, please contact resourcing@buckinghamshire.gov.uk and one of our friendly team will be happy to help! We look forward to meeting you.

HOW TO BECOME A SOCIAL WORKER?



Wellbeing

From The Sleep Charity - I hope that you will find the information included below useful and informative. We all suffer, from time to time, from inability to fall asleep – children included. Hopefully, information included will help our families and children to enjoy a well-deserved night time rest.

We are sending information about this wonderful free resource that can help parents and children to learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better; we can help them to succeed in school.

In response to caller feedback, we have recently changed our opening hours to include two morning sessions. I have attached a poster with the new opening times and more information about the service.

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this raises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>



the
national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?


Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?

Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541

Available Sunday - Thursday 7pm - 9pm



the
national sleep
helpline

50%

Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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Available Sunday - Thursday
7pm - 9pm

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